

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT UPDATE

Monitoring for Improvement

Federal Programs
Tennessee Department of Education

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Purpose of Monitoring Progress Check

- Technical Assistance
 - Identification of barriers
- Compliance
 - Tier requirements
- Priority to Tiers 1 and 2 Schools and Tier 3 Renewal Schools

WHO?

- Tier 1 Schools
- Tier 2 Schools
- Tier 3
 - Schools that met ASD requirements when grant was approved.
 - Renewal Schools

Additional visits will follow in remaining Tier 3 Focus schools and those Tier 3 schools continuing the implementation of the High School Redesign grant.

WHEN?

1. Progress Check Visit 1 — January 31- February 11, 2011
2. Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3, Renewal Schools, Regional Meetings — February 14-18 (Tentative)
3. Visit 2 — February 21 — March 11, 2011
4. Additional Progress Check Visits — TBA
5. Monitoring by the US Ed. — April 11-15, 2011

HOW?

Monitors will contact districts to schedule the visits with district and school personnel

- District personnel – School Improvement Team, School Improvement Grant Coordinator and Federal Programs Director
- School personnel – Principal and School Leadership or Improvement Team chairperson

PREPARATIONS?

Progress Check Document

- To begin conversation about progress, challenges, and possible barriers in the implementation to the implementation of the grant.
- To gain an understanding of the current level of implementation of the turnaround or transformation models.
- To discuss the support and oversight that the LEA is providing its SIG schools.
- To discuss any technical assistance and support needs that the district and schools may have.

SIG Reimbursements

- Reimbursement Request Form required
- Signed copy must be received by State to process payment
- Expenditures to be posted by the State at the time of the request
- Grant posted on FACTS
 - Title I, Part G – School Improvement
 - Title I, Part G – School Improvement ARRA

Reimbursements for FTTT Focus and Renewal School Grants

- **Renewal School Awards**

- Reimbursement Request forms required
- Signed Copy must be received by the State
- Expenditures to be posted when request is processed by State
- Grant posted on FACTS FTTT – Renewal Schools

- **Focus School Awards**

- If grant award $> 25,000$, a reimbursement request form is required and form must be received by State for payment
- If grant award $< 25,000$, **no** reimbursement request form required.
- Grant posted on FACTS FTTT – Focus Schools

Reminder.....

- Many of these grants are funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- Supporting documentation should be maintained separately at the district office
- Any suspected fraud or misuse of funds must be reported:
State Comptroller's hotline: 800-232-5454
OIG hotline: 800-mis-used

US Ed. Monitoring Visit

- **April 11- April 15, 2011**
 - Focus on School Improvement
 - 2 Districts
 - SIG schools

Questions??

- After today's webinar, the progress check document and the list of SIG monitors and their LEAs will be sent to each LEA's School Improvement Grant contact and the Federal Programs Director.
- Please post questions in the chat room. We will compile and post on the SDE website at <http://tn.gov/education/fedprog/fpschlimprove.shtml>

Other Questions?

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